

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
FOURTH DISTRICT  
*July Term 2005*

**ABEN E. JOHNSON,**  
Appellant,

v.

**HOME-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY,**  
Appellee.

No. 4D04-491

[December 14, 2005]

*ON MOTION FOR REHEARING AND CERTIFICATION*

PER CURIAM.

We deny appellant's motion for rehearing but certify the following question as one of great public importance:

*Is a Michigan insurer, which does not sell insurance in Florida, subject to personal jurisdiction in Florida in a suit by the insured seeking a defense and coverage, where (a) the insured is being sued in Florida for committing slander in Florida and (b) the policy is a homeowner's policy covering only a Michigan residence but also providing coverage for torts including slander?*

FARMER, KLEIN and MAY, JJ., concur.

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Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Palm Beach County; Thomas H. Barkdull, III, Judge; L.T. Case No. CL 99-2262.

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